

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING: DECEMBER 19, 2022

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, December 19, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Paul Wyman, Vice President Brad Bray, Member Jack Dodd, County Auditor Jessica Secrease, and County Attorney Alan Wilson.

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Jerry Asher and conducted by President Paul Wyman. Commissioner Bray led the Pledge of Allegiance, and President Wyman offered a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & RECOGNITION:

Introduction of Two New Sheriff's Deputies

Sheriff Asher introduced Chase Cottle as a new Sheriff Deputy. Mr. Cottle is a lifelong resident of Kokomo, Indiana and is currently servicing in the Air Force Reserve and working at the Howard County Jail. Howard County Clerk Debbie Stewart swore Mr. Cottle in as a Howard County Sheriff Deputy.

Sheriff Asher also introduced Sabrina Morgan as a new Sheriff Deputy. Ms. Morgan has lived in Miami, Cass, and Howard Counties and is currently working as a dispatcher for Howard County. Howard County Clerk Debbie Stewart swore Ms. Morgan in as a new Howard County Sheriff Deputy.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the December 5, 2022, regular meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd; Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS & REPORTS:

HOWARD COUNTY COMMUNITY SUPERVISION

Lexipol Policy Contract

Community Supervision Director Dustin DeLong presented the contract with Lexipol Policy for approval. Mr. DeLong stated that the contract has been approved by County Attorney Alan Wilson. Commissioner Bray made a motion to approve the contract with Lexipol Policy as presented. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

PURDUE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

2022 Friend of Extension

County Extension Director Allison Hillis presented the 2022 Friend of Extension award to Pam Isaac.

Purdue Extension Howard County Service Agreement

County Extension Director Allison Hillis presented the Purdue Extension Howard County Service Agreement for approval. Ms. Hillis stated that the agreement has been approved by County Attorney Alan Wilson. Commissioner Dodd made a motion to approve the agreement with the Purdue Extension Howard County Service as presented, Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

HOWARD COUNTY MAINTENANCE

Heat Trace for Chiller at Jeff Stout Government Center

Maintenance Superintendent Bill Stonestreet submitted a quote to purchase a new heat trace (heat tape) in the amount of \$5,915.00. Mr. Stonestreet requested to pay this from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund (line item 1138.47241.000.0000). A motion was made by Commissioner Bray to approve the quote to purchase a heat trace (heat tape) and to be paid out of the Cumulative Capital Development Fund (line item 1138.47241.000.0000) as presented. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSSINESS:

Annual Contract with TrueScripts

Commissioner President Paul Wyman presented the annual contract for TrueScripts prescription program for 2023. A motion was made by Commissioner Dodd to approve the annual contract with TrueScripts prescription program for 2023 as presented. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion , and the motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2022-BCCO-58

County Attorney Alan Wilson presented Ordinance No. 2022- BCCO-58 – Vacating a Portion of Sugar Trace, which is located in the Sugar Mill, Section 3, an addition to Harrison Township, Howard County, Indiana. A motion was made by Commissioner Bray to approve Ordinance No. 2022-BCCO-58 as presented. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:

Howard County Auditor Jessica Secrease submitted the following claims and reports for the Commissioners' information and approval:

1. **Salary Claims:** The Commissioners' Salary, Hourly, and Overtime Claims for payment on December 2, 2022, in the amount read as subtotal \$919,506.07, were submitted and approved on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
2. **Payroll Expenses:** The Commissioners' Payroll Expenses for payment on December 2, in the amount of \$919,506.07, were submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
3. **Salary Claims:** The Sheriff Department's Uniform Allowance Claims for payment on December 9, 2022, in the amount read as subtotal \$1,500.00, were submitted and approved on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
4. **Payroll Expenses:** The Sheriff Department's Uniform Allowance Payroll Expenses on December 9, in the amount of \$1,500.00, were submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
5. **Monthly Reports:** Reports were submitted for review and accepted by the Board:
 - a. Weights & Measures Report: November 16 – December 15, 2022

IN THE MATTER OF ATTORNEY ISSUES:

Resolution No. 2022-BCCR-25

County Attorney Alan Wilson presented the Resolution No. 2022-BCCR-25 – A Resolution of the Howard County Board of Commissioners with the City of Kokomo Board of Public Works and Safety to Assign Tax Sale Certificates. A motion was made by Commissioner Bray to approve Resolution No. 2022-BCCR-25 as presented. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

This was amended as Resolution No. 2022-BCCR-25 from Resolution No. 2022-BCCR-24. A motion was made by Commissioner Bray to amend Resolution No. 2022-BCCO-24 to Resolution No. 2022-BCCO-25. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried

Ordinance No. 2022-BCCO-57

County Attorney Alan Wilson presented Ordinance No. 2022-BCCO-57 – An Ordinance of the Howard County Board of Commissioners to Create New Opioid Settlement Funds. A motion was made by Commissioner Dodd to approve Ordinance No. 2022-BCCO-57 as presented. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Local Agreement for Convention Center Donation

County Attorney Alan Wilson authorized Commissioner President Wyman to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners for the agreement to donate \$500,000.00 from the ARP Fund to help build the Convention Center. Commissioner Dodd made a motion to approve as presented. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2022-BCCR-24

County Attorney Alan Wilson tabled Resolution No. 2022-BCCR-24 – 2022-2023 Capital Improvement Plan.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONERS ISSUES:

Pilar of the Community Award

Commissioner Vice President Bray presented Commission President Wyman with the Pillar of Community Award, which is the highest award presented to anyone in the County. Mr. Wyman is retiring from the Commissioners as of December 31, 2022.

Howard County Board of Commissioners Certification of Appointment

Project Manager Pam Isaac announced the Howard County Board of Commissioners Certification of Appointment to the Alcohol Beverage Commission as Joe Martino from 01/01/2023 through 12/31/2023. A motion was made by Commissioner Dodd to approve the Certification of Appointment as presented. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Garret Conway of 12601 S. 200 W., Muncie, Indiana, introduced himself as the East Central Community Liaison from the Office of Community & Rural Affairs (OCRA).

Council President Martha J. Lake told Mr. Wyman that the Council has enjoyed working with him on many projects and that they all wish him well.

Resident Brad Semon of 10954 E. 100 S., Greentown, Indiana, stated that he has enjoyed coming to the meetings and working with Mr. Wyman even if he didn't always agree with him.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONERS ISSUES:

Commissioner Vice President Bray presented Commission President Wyman with a plaque for his years of service.

***There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time,
the meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd.
The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray, and the motion carried.***

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

PAUL G. WYMAN, PRESIDENT

ROBERT B. BRAY, VICE PRESIDENT

JACK W. DODD, MEMBER

ATTEST:

JESSICA SECREASE, AUDITOR

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